**संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो)**: राजस्थान के सभी जिला मुख्यालयों को मार्च, 1990 तक एस० टी० डी० के जरिए जोड़ दिए जाने की आशा है।

**Price Control on ORS**

626. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ORS has been excluded on the ground that it is a formulation and not a drug;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain formulations are under price control;

(c) whether combination of vitamins is a bulk drug or a formulation;

(d) whether such combinations are under price control or are exempted from price control;

(e) whether it is a fact that Health Ministry sent recommendations for inclusion of ORS under price control;

(f) if so, what was the basis on which the Ministry of Health recommended;

(g) whether it is a fact that as per drug policy ORS should be under price control; and

(h) if so, what are the reasons for deviation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (h) The required details, to the extent available, will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

**Bulk Drugs for Whole-sale Price Index**

627. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs and formulations which are in the basket of whole-sale price index;

(b) what are the names of those which are under price control under DPCO, 1987 and what are the names of those which are outside price control under the said order;

(c) how many of these drugs were under price control under DPCO, 1979 and what was the price of each and what is the price at present;

(d) what was the whole-sale price index of medicines as in August, 1986, August, 1987, August, 1988 and at present; and

(e) the names of bulk drugs for which his Ministry monitors production alongwith the production of each during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The required details, to the extent available, will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

**Prices of Drugs**

628. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item concerning DPCO impact published under the name of BICP in the Economic Times of 27th January, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the names of the six drugs for which production went up by 51.30 per cent during 1987-88 over 1986-87 and what was the production and number of producers involved in each case;

(c) what were the 13 drugs for which increase in production was 54.3 per cent and what was the production during base year for each of them and what was the production in 1987-88 and 1986-87; and

(d) what was the price of each of these drugs where production has gone up before August, 1987 and what is the present price along with percentage change in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to d) The required details, to the extent available, will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.